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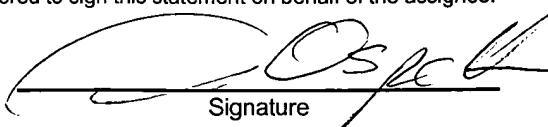
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TRANSLATION

Agreement

between

the company Kevin Business Corporation
Calle 53
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and

Convergenza AG
St. Markus-Gasse 16
FL-9490 Vaduz, Fürstentum Liechtenstein

1. Kevin Business Corporation is the proprietor of the following protective rights:

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EP 96 118 573.3	P 1013 EPC
US 08/571 490	P 1013 US
US 08/998 500	P 1013 US-CON
DE 197 19 555.5	P 1175 DE
EP 98 103 978.7	P 1175 EPC
US 08/938 173	P 1175 US
JP 10-108 384	P 1175 JP
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US 08/934 908	P 1109 US
JP 10-108 386	P 1109 JP
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EP 97 119 489.9	P 1129 EPC
US 08/934 941	P 1129 US
JP 10-108 385	P 1129 JP

and assigns all said protective rights with all rights and duties to Convergenza AG.

2. Convergenza AG herewith accepts the assignment.

3. Kevin Business Corporation and Convergenza AG herewith authorize Patent Attorney Ewald O. Vetter, Burgwalder Str. 4A, D-86199 Augsburg, Germany, to carry out the registration of the assignment of the protective rights in the relevant Patent Offices.

4. The right to claim priority rights is assigned together with the assignment of the protective rights from Kevin Business Corporation to Convergenza AG.

Place:

Date:

Kevin Business Corporation

Place:

Date:

Convergenza AG

Georg Vogt

A. Brockhoff

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Authenticity of the signature of Mr. Alexander Brockhoff,
Obergass 73, FL-9494 Schaan is certified.

Vaduz, 16 October 1998

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Authenticity of the signature of
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Attorney Docket Number	1267
First Named Inventor	Brockhoff, A
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Application Number	08 / 938,173
Filing Date	Sept. 26, 1997
Group Art Unit	1723
Examiner Name	Kim, S.

As a below named Inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Method and Device for Removing Gas from Gas Containing Blood

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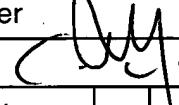
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